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Applicants respectfully request preliminary amendment of the above-identified application to place the claims in a U.S. format and arrange the Specification in a format deemed to comply with 37 CFR 1.77(b) and MPEP § 608.01(a).

Specification Correction

The arrangement of the Specification by adding headings in compliance with MPEP 608.01(a) does not add new matter. Similarly the amendment of the Specification by adding the substance of the independent claims and dependent claims from the original claims as filed does not add new matter and avoids objection to the Specification on the grounds claims can be amended, renumbered or canceled thus making the Specification indefinite. A clean copy of the Specification is included for the convenience of the U.S. Patent Office.

The amendment of the Abstract similarly corrects obvious clerical matters and does not add new matter.

Claim Corrections

The claims have been corrected to place them in a U.S. format. These corrections to the claims as well as renumbering new claim 1 as new claim 25 do not add new matter and have been

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made to place them in a more grammatically correct format. The addition of new claim 26 also does not add new matter and presents the claim in an alternative U.S. claim format.

As a result of the correction of the foregoing formalities it is believed the Specification and all the claims are in a condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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